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Enclosed herewith is a Notice of Appeal for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE LUNG, the specification of which was filed on June 5, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/092,296.

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